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PRESS RELEASE

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RE: UNITED STATES V. CHRISTOPHER JOHNSEN

United States Attorney Michael A. Battle announced today that Christopher Johnsen, age 23, formerly of Fredonia, New York, pled guilty today before U.S. District Judge John T. Elfvin to possession of child pornography.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Marie P. Grisanti said the defendant possessed numerous images of child pornography depicting children engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

The plea was the culmination of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Peter J. Ahearn, who were assisted by Chief Bradley Meyers of the Fredonia Police Department.

Johnsen faces a maximum penalty is 5 years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000. Sentencing is scheduled for January 7, 2005, at 1:00 p.m. before Judge Elfvin.

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